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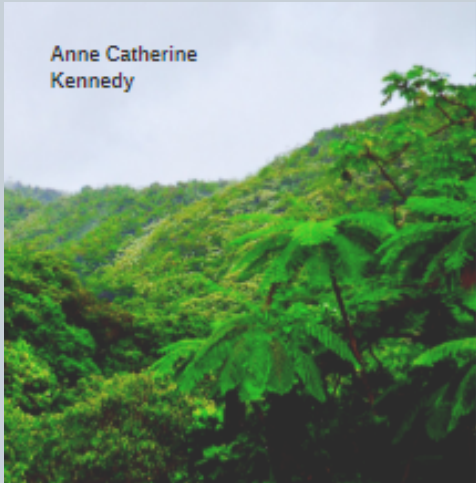
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Students of St. Mary's High School, Kitchener at the Sept 27 Fridays for Future rally in Waterloo, Ontario.

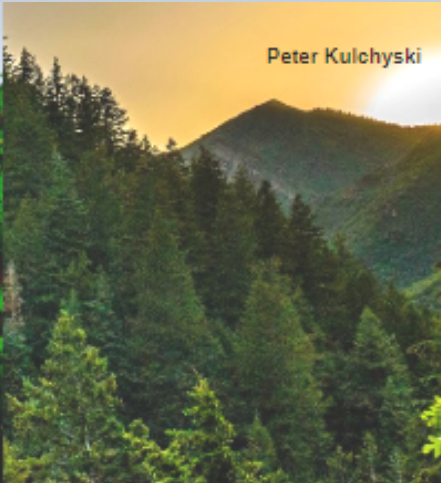


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Anne Catherine Kennedy



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**#GCCMCanada Virtual Launch
#LiveLaudatoSi Canada
Learning Webinar, October 2, 2019**

Our launch webinar was packed with insightful information. Close to seventy people were listening from across the country; Vancouver and Victoria, Saskatoon, all over Ontario, Montreal, and Halifax, and many more listened to the recorded version.

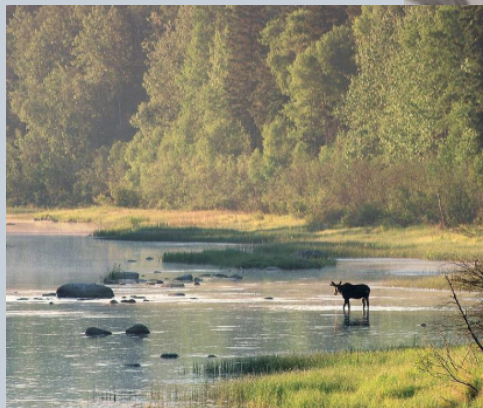
Anne Catherine Kennedy, Program Officer at Development and Peace responsible for the Brazilian and Columbian programs, explained how the recent Synod on the Amazon, in Rome, directly evolved from the encyclical. The discussions at the Synod, focused on concern for the destruction of an important and biologically diverse biome coupled with apprehension for the well being of Indigenous and marginalized people who live there, will become a model for how the Catholic Church engages in similar conversations about other biomes and cultures around the world.

Peter Kulchyski, “bush doctor”, author, and Head of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba, invited us to “Look in our own back yard” to

Latest News:

- The GCCM Canada website is now live and operational! Many of you have expressed an interest in continuing to receive Laudato Si’ Dialogues Newsletters. If you haven’t already done so go to this page on the GCCM Canada website, https://www.faithcommongood.org/gccm_sign_up fill in your contact information and check the “Newsletter” box.

- Welcome George Guimond, Andrew Conradi and Margaret Ross at the Franciscan Voice Canada in Vancouver. This dynamic team have a fantastic website <https://www.franciscanvoicecanada.com/> and newsletter the Common Good.



discover an equally important biome in our Boreal Forest, and similar eco-racism inflicted on Indigenous and marginalized populations in Canada. Like the peoples of the Amazon, Indigenous peoples in Canada have for generations faced similar injustices regarding use of their land, treatment of their culture and systemic violence. We were reminded that to #LiveLaudatoSi we have ample work to do right here at home.

It is interesting to note that following the Synod on the Amazon, over 500 attending priests and bishops signed a new **"Pact of the Catacombs for the Common Home"**. Of the many promises made in the pact, they call for the abandonment of a "colonist mentality" and denounce aggression against Indigenous communities.

If you haven't seen it, here is the link to the **Defending the Defenders** webinar:

https://zoom.us/recording/share/3_LwJl8F5DRw_8xoe_rC7Tt89GAVFANdGIXqK_YvgAmwlumekTziMw?startTime=1570035107000

Latest News:

- GCCM Canada was featured on the premier episode of **Salt and Light TV's** new program, **Behold**. A recording of the Sept 19th show can be seen here:

<https://saltandlighttv.org/ behold/ep1>

-Greta Thunberg is on her way home, but her message, and the concerns of tens of thousands of young Canadians, continues to resonate in public spaces across the country.

Consider joining one of the hundreds of Fridays for Future strikes happening every Friday across Canada. Find an organized strike near you by checking this map:

<https://fridaysforfuture.ca/event-map/> or <https://climatestrikecanada.org> .